CHAPTER NO. 725

HOUSE BILL NO. 3099

By Representative Winningham

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3134

By Senator Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to health insurance cost for employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-1-2 .

- (a) The commissioner of education shall prepare and present to the general assembly for its approval, a plan to address the cost disparities in employee health insurance among local education agencies.
 - (b) In preparing the plan, the commissioner shall consider:
 - (1) Recent trends and indicators in the health care marketplace;
 - (2) The fiscal capacity of each local education agency; and
 - (3) The average annual employee contribution for health insurance.
- (c) The commissioner shall present the plan to the house education committee, the house finance ways and means committee, the senate education committee, and the senate finance ways and means committee on or before February 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 8, 2006

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of May

2006

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR